

Pure Romance

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Backwards Honeymoon

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You look beautiful, my lady.

I couldn't ask for a better husband than Douglas.



Elsa... Can you give me a moment alone?

I'm just feeling marriage blues...



It's not as if I'm having second thoughts now...



Next door...?

That's the groom's attendant's room.



...It's true. He didn't even have the money to rent his tuxedo?

Click

Maybe if I get some fresh air I'll feel better...

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No...
Douglas...?

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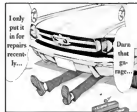
Now
the
Mafia
are after
him for the money he
owns...

His debt
started with the casinos
but it snowballed...



What...
Who are
they
talking
about...?

His only
hope is
the dowry
he's
getting
from the
Campbell
bride...

































Daddy
will be
furious...

Escaping my
wedding and
marrying
someone else
...a few hours
later...



Due to money
issues...

One
room...



He knows
how
powerful
my father
is.



For me,
that's
almost
enough.

He
helped
me even
though...

Jonah
seems
sincere
and
kind...

But...
even
though
we're
marrying
to seal a
deal...



This
place
needs a
blood
test...

Not
here
either...

Click

Click

I guess
there's
only
Scrada...





Jonah...
He woke
up early.
He's
gone
shop-
ping...



I guess...
this is like
our
honeymoon.

Honey-
moon!

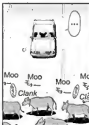


Getting ready
for my
honeymoon
with Douglas
was such a
hassle...

He's
packed
so
neatly.











I didn't mean that...

Really?

Shall we call Daddy to pick you up?

We're almost at Eau Claire.



Aren't you missing him?

Katie... Are you regretting this?



That's right! I...

You found one flaw... And you can forget him?

But you were willing to marry him...

Him? You mean Douglas?

No!



What's wrong? The lightning?

Aaaah!!

Flash

Brooom

Oh... yeah, that window is a bit loose.

Water is leaking! Look, I'm soaked!

Splash



Katie...

Grrrr!

The AC doesn't work properly and the seat is hard...

Here. There's a towel on the dashboard.

I like this car!

Aren't there more decent cars?

Why are we in such a junk heap?



You can just forget about me...

...I'm fine.

In fact, who would love someone like me?

Sigh

I never felt this close to Douglas...

It's strange...

That's kind, even if it's just flattery!

He ha ha

No man could forget about you... Katie...

If only this man... could love me...



Slip

...Which means Douglas meant nothing to me...

I totally forgot about him these past few days.

Not even the anger of being fooled.

I can't believe I was going to have a family with this man.

Squeeze

I would suit a cold marriage that's based on a deal.

I can't expect affection when I give my husband none.



No...

Not that...

You still have feelings...

See...

Katie?







This town surprises me. They only have one police and one fire department.

At least everything was okay.

Finally.

Not sure when we'll get the insurance.

The car is a write-off.

Creak

I got all our luggage.



Any problems?

No... How about you?



My husband, Sam, and I run this place on our own.

I'm Jenny.

So it's not much but make yourself at home.

You poor things. It must have been awful...



Thank you so much.

We can cover your costs a little for you.

Our town has a fund for people...

Who have been caught in accidents.







We don't have to worry about money and can eat all the burgers we want!

Well, let's go to the supermarket and celebrate!

Creak...



Really?

I... was starting to get attached to that car.

Your car... It's a shame.

But I would have got in even if I knew.

Ha ha ha. Sorry I didn't tell you.

Oh, dear?

That car is so bad it actually needs the oil changed every 100 km or so.



How do you know...?

Jenny... the owner told me.

No blood tests or complicated procedures.

Apparently we could get permission to marry in 3 days here.

All right.

I see... You want to marry him?

Don't worry. You can marry him here.

Let's marry here.

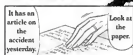
Why are you crying?

Oh...

When we checked in... our surnames were different.

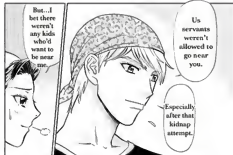
So we started chatting...













I wanted to wear that... Even if it's just the 2 of us...



To have met Jonah then and for him to agree to marry me. I'm so lucky...

He's a bit sarcastic but he can't ignore a person in need.



See, he says it's fine...

It's fine... Splash



I spent months picking it out. I did really love that dress.



The dress I wore to my wedding to Douglas...





If I am
weakened
by a bad
person...

If I let my
guard
down
because
of love...

Not
only
I but
my dad
would
suffer.

Splash

Splash

I
stupidly
loved
him...

I was
able to
escape
quickly.

Because I
wasn't in
love with
Douglas...



I must
constantly
keep
control of
my
emotions.

No...I
cannot let
myself
drown in
love.



Love
Jonah?

Do
I...



I
decided
this
when I
was a
child.

But someone
like me can
never really
love
someone!

Splash

Splash















Perhaps I
was
waiting....

Jonah, I
love
you.

With
me?

Katie...
Are you
sure?

I have
the
answer...

Yes...
I've
thought
long
and
hard.

Jonah...

I always
wanted to
fall in
love for
real...

So I jumped
on the
chance to
escape after
his
betrayal...

But...I
knew that
wasn't
Douglas...

For my soul
mate, out
there
somewhere.

I
love
you.

And
now...I
have
that in
my
arms...





Are these... for me?

Good-morning!
These are all wedding dresses!



I haven't finished yet...

Jenny?

Kate...

Sigh

Leave it. Sam and Jacob just left so...



This is...!

Jenny...



















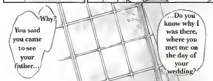
Poor girl with no friends who can't even take care of herself...

The reason you let me pet your cat...

You made love to me...

The reason you agreed to this wedding was because you felt sorry for me...

Because you felt sorry for me, right?



I saw
you
once
going
out...



Chris-
mas
when
I
was
20....

And I looked
forward to
getting a
glimpse of
you...

Watch
you from
after...

I was there
so I can see
you happily
marry.

Knock
some
sense

You
probably
don't
know...

Jonah.

From
that
day I
let
you
pet
my
cat.

Katie, I
always
loved
you.

Since that
day I
couldn't
get you
out of
my head.



I didn't
know
what to
do.

You
looked
like a
fairy
queen.

You
were
grown
up.

I only
came
back to
the
mansion
once or
twice a
year.

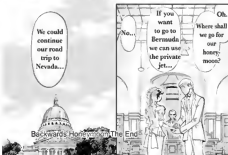


I was living
on my own
since high
school...









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